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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Latin America Division  
FROM : [REDACTED]  
Chief, Administrative Law Division, OGC  
SUBJECT : Letelier Case

1. On 18 March 1981 the undersigned and [REDACTED] OLC, met with Tom Latimer, Staff Director, House Permanent Select Committee for Intelligence (HPSCI) and Dick Giza, a senior staffer, to respond to questions about the Agency's knowledge of the Letelier assassination. It was explained that staff interest in this question derives from certain questions asked by Congressman Gore. (U)

2. The undersigned only was prepared to address in broad terms the question as to whether the Agency had any advance knowledge of the assassination plot. The simple answer is no, and in support of that answer, Messrs. Latimer and Giza were shown letters from Admiral Turner and from Deputy Assistant Attorney General Robert Keuch which are supportive of this answer. (U)

3. It became immediately clear that the staffers wished to pursue various allegations which had appeared in the media suggesting that CIA either deliberately withheld information about the assassination from the Department of Justice or that the Agency was somehow "negligent" in failing to analyze various bits of information, which if properly fit together allegedly would have unravelled the assassination plot. Recorded below are Messrs. Latimer and Giza questions and requests. (U)

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agent. E. (U) Is there any information that Letellier was a DGI

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